The Hon'ble Sri K. T. BHASHYAM.—The statistical data required for the purpose of fixing minimum wages for agricultural labour.

Janab MOHAMED VALIULLA.—What is the statistics?

The Hon'ble Sri K. T. BHASHYAM.—There are a large number of items; I could not enumerate them here.

Janab MOHAMED VALIULLA.—At least a few?

The Hon'ble Sri K. T. BHASHYAM.—The standard of life, the cost of living index, the wages that are being paid in various places for various labours, all these come under that.

Janab MOHAMED VALIULLA.—In answer to (*b*) it is stated that the Government are contemplating fixing minimum wages. Are you contemplating or is the Government of India contemplating?

Mr. SPEAKER.—That has been answered.

Janab MOHAMED VALIULLA.—What is the difference between the wages paid to the industrial labourers and that to the agricultural labourers?

The Hon'ble Sri K. T. BHASHYAM.—It varies from place to place and with the nature of the job.

Janab MOHAMED VALIULLA.—Is it 1 to 4 difference?

The Hon'ble Sri K. T. BHASHYAM.—I cannot say that.

Sri M. GOVINDA REDDY (Chitaldrug District—General).—Were the Government of Mysore consulted before this work was started?

The Hon'ble Sri K. T. BHASHYAM.—Yes, we were consulted in the matter and we were agreeable.—

Mr. SPEAKER.—Question No. 174, Sri W. H. Hanumanthappa. The Hon'ble Member is not present. The question will be treated as unstarred.

Increasing Heating Installations in Bangalore and Mysore.

*Q.—198. **Sri V. M. MASCARENHAS** (Retroceded Area—General).—

Will the Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of heating units installed in Bangalore and Mysore during the years 1947, 1948, 1949 and 1950;

(*b*) whether a definite programme is being followed in increasing the number of such units?

A.—**The Hon'ble Sri K. T. BHASHYAM** (Minister for Law and Labour).—

	1947.	*1948.*	*1949.*	*1950.*
(*a*) Bangalore	158	341	415	457
Mysore...	37	7	12	51

(*b*) The question is not clear. No programme can be drawn with regard to power supply to heating installations. The number to be serviced depends upon the demand and the availability of the material. The department has always been willing to service any lighting or heating installations provided the materials therefor are obtainable.

Sri V. M. MASCARENHAS.—What is the number of applications still pending in the department?

The Hon'ble Sri K. T. BHASHYAM.—I could not tell the Hon'ble Member. I want notice.

Sri V. M. MASCARENHAS.—Considering the dire necessity for fuel, will not Government consider the desirability of installing heating units?

The Hon'ble Sri K. T. BHASHYAM.—We are anxious to supply power for heating circuits not merely in towns but also in villages. It involves a lot of material and money and therefore there is some delay in extending this.

Sri V. M. MASCARENHAS.—Why not give installations to parties who apply for and pay the expenditure?

The Hon'ble Sri K. T. BHASHYAM.—The transformers have got to be supplied by us.

Sri V. M. MASCARENHAS.—The story of transformers is a pretty long one. When do we get these transformers ready?

The Hon'ble Sri K. T. BHASHYAM.—We have felt the transformer difficulty very acutely of late.